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REPLY & AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.173

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action mailed April 25, 2002 (Paper No. 19), in connection with the above-identified application, please amend the subject application as follows. A Petition for Extension of Time and corresponding fee extending the period for response two months until September 25, 2002 are also submitted herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend original patent Claims 1, 14, and 16 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of reducing a blood pressure decrease associated with the administration of a liposome to an animal which comprises incorporating a surface agent-modifying lipid comprising a phosphatidylethanolamine conjugated to a dicarboxylic acid into a liposome such that the surface agent-modifying lipid comprises at least about 2 mole percent of the lipid component of a bilayer of the liposome and then administering the liposome to the animal wherein an anti-inflammatory agent is administered to the animal